


CROMER
Urban District Council.

— The —
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Medical Officer of Health,
FOR THE YEAR 1920.

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REPORT

For Year ending 31st December, 1920.

April 12th, 1921.

GENTLEMEN,

The season of 1920 opened very promisingly for Cromer and the number of visitors was certainly above that of previous years though not quite up to the pre-war level, there still being numerous hotels and boarding houses unoccupied. Unfortunately the coal strike in the autumn had the effect of bringing the season to a premature close.

The rainfall was 14.27 inches as compared with 20.25 in 1919. The Sunshine 1600.5 hours, 1504 hours in 1919.

On 1st Oct, there were 979 houses occupied as compared with 933 houses in 1919. The total inhabitable houses in 1920 being 1016, 37 being empty.

The scheme for building houses progressed but slowly and is in process of being put into operation one house was erected in 1920, no further action was taken under the Housing Town Planning, &c. Act, 1909 and Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations. With regard to Closet accommodation there is one Privy with open midden and 8 where pails are used. Number of closets constructed in 1920 for new houses 2, other one.

When necessary visits have been made to the Council Schools, whenever there has been an outbreak of Infectious disease or by request of the teachers.

There are 4 Cowkeepers registered in the district, one Milk seller keeps cows, 7 Purveyors only, total number registered—8 milksellers, 4 Cowsheds.

Statement showing the work done by the Sanitary Inspector.

The total number of inspections made by the Sanitary Inspector in 1920 were 455, one statutory notice served and complied with. Total number of nuisances in hand at close of 1919 two, at close of 1920 three, reported during 1920, 126, abated 124.

One smoke nuisance from Steam Laundry, after 3 cautions was abated

Inspections of Factories	4
„ „ Workshops	12
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Total	16
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Nuisances under Public health Acts—			
Want of cleanliness	8	remedied	8
Insufficient Sanitary accommodation	2	„	2
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Total	10		10
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Workshops on the Register at end of the year	
total number	40

Action taken in matters referred by H.M. Inspector as remediable under Public Health Acts, but not under Factory and Workshops Acts	1
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Reports (of action taken) sent to H.M. Inspector.	1
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INFECTIOUS DISEASES

11 Cases were notified during the year—

- 1 Enteric
- 7 Diphtheria
- 1 Scarlet Fever
- 2 Pneumonia

4 Cases of Diphtheria, 1 Scarlet Fever and 1 Enteric occurring in visitors, were admitted into the Isolation Hospital-

The average period of detention being 24.3 days

Under the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations 1908; The Public Health (Tuberculosis in Hospital), Regulations 1911; and the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations 1911, I have had 4 cases notified to me. With regard to Tuberculosis, inspection of patient's house is made and examination for contacts when necessary with distribution of leaflets. The Sputum is examined, 4 specimens were sent for examination. Twenty - four Swabs were sent for diagnosis and 7 for clearance in cases of Diphtheria. One blood examination was made.

THE INFANT WELFARE CENTRE.

I regret that the Infant Welfare Centre which was started in November was closed in April owing to the inconvenience to the mothers to attend on account of the approaching season.

Four sessions were held with average attendance of 10. Under the Milk (Mothers and Children) Order 1919 three expectant mothers and one nursing mother were supplied with fresh milk.

THE POPULATION

as given by the Registrar General is 3918, for in 1920,

demobilization had reached a stage at which it is felt that the distinction between "Birthrate population and "death-rate population" made during the period when a large part of the male population was under arms, might in general be discontinued.

THE BIRTH RATE

is 15.5 per 1000 population as compared with 17.06 in 1919. The birth rate for England and Wales was 25.4 for 1920

THE DEATH RATE

is 10.2 per 1000 population as compared with 10.3 in 1919. The death rate for England and Wales for 1920 being 12.4. The Infantile Mortality was 32.7 per 1000 births registered as compared with 59.7 in 1919. The Infantile Mortality for England and Wales being 80 per 1000 births.

VITAL STATISTICS

Area 1007 acres.

Population 3918 (Census 1911. 4073)

Inhabited Houses 979.

Rateable Value £31347 10 0

BIRTHS

Males 31, Females 30, Total 61, None illegitimate (2 still births not included).

Births notified 67.

Birth rate 15.5 per 1000 population.

DEATHS

16 Male, 24 Female, total 40 deathrate 10.2 per 1000 population, Registered in the district without any correction 43.

INFANTILE MORTALITY

2 deaths of infants under 1 year, of age (1 male 1 female). 32.7 per 1000 births registered, 0.51 per 1000 population.

PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

3 deaths, 0.7656 per 1000 population, 75.00 per 1000 deaths.

CANCER

7 deaths, 1.78 per 1000 population, 175.0 per 1000 population.

ZYMOTIC DISEASES

1 Diphtheria, 0.25 per 1000 population, 25.0 per 1000 deaths

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Males	Females
Diphtheria	- 1	0
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	- 1	2
Tuberculous Meningitis	- 1	0
Cancer	- 4	3
Organic Heart Disease	- 2	3
Bronchitis	- 0	1
Pneumonia (all form)	- 1	2
Other Respiratory Diseases	- 0	1
Nephritis	: 1	2
Congenital Debility, &c.	- 1	1
Suicide	- 0	1
Other defined diseases	- 4	8
	— 16	— 24

In conclusion I have to give Mr. Croome my best thanks for his kind assistance.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

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